



Air Pollution Forecast and Caution - Lifted

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Next Update: As Needed Due to Air Quality Conditions

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has lifted an **Air Quality Forecast and Caution** to notify residents of **Ada, Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Valley and Washington County** of improved air quality. Due to improved air quality, BURNING RESTRICTIONS ARE BEING LIFTED. Air quality is expected to be in the **UPPER MODERATE** category this weekend and has shown some improvement over the past 24-hour period. The pollutants of concern are Fine Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5}) and Ozone.

Woodstove Burning Restrictions

Residential wood burning restrictions have been lifted.

Please note local city/county burn restrictions may still apply. Contact your local city/county office for more information.

Outdoor Burning Restrictions

Open burning restrictions have been lifted in accordance with the Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho (IDAPA 58.01.01.550). **Please note local city/county burn restrictions may still apply. Contact your local city/county office for more information.**

Health Impacts and Recommended Actions

When air quality is moderate, air quality is acceptable; however, people who are unusually sensitive to air pollution may experience health impacts and should consider reducing prolonged or heavy exertion.

Contact

For more information, contact DEQ's Regional Office in Boise at (208) 373-0550.

For real-time air monitoring information, visit DEQ's website at airquality.deq.idaho.gov.

For more information concerning local ordinances contact your local city or county.

Air Quality Index (AQI):

Range	Category	Meaning
0 to 50	Good	Air quality is considered satisfactory, and air pollution poses little or no risk
51 to 100	Moderate	Air quality is acceptable; however, for some pollutants there may be a moderate health concern for a very small number of people who are unusually sensitive to air pollution.
101 to 150	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups*	Members of sensitive groups may experience health effects. The general public is not likely to be affected.
151 to 200	Unhealthy	Everyone may begin to experience health effects; members of sensitive groups may experience more serious health effects.
201 to 300	Very Unhealthy	Health warnings of emergency conditions. The entire population is more likely to be affected.
301 to 500	Hazardous	Health alert: everyone may experience more serious health effects.

For more information on the AQI, visit http://www.epa.gov/airnow/aqi_brochure_02_14.pdf.

For more information about wildfire smoke, visit Idaho's Smoke Blog at idsmoke.blogspot.com.

* Sensitive groups include those with heart and lung disease, older adults, and children.



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